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This application should be rejected on the grounds described hereunder. When there is any response to the grounds, the applicant can submit an argument within three months from the date of dispatch.

GROUND S

(A) Claims of the present application acknowledged hereunder do not satisfy the requirements prescribed in Section 36(6)(2) of Japanese Patent Law with respect to following points.

(B) The invention relating to the following claims of the present application should not be granted in accordance with the provisions of Section 29(2) of Japanese Patent Law because a person having a normal knowledge in a technical field which this invention belongs to could invent easily the same prior to the present application on the basis of inventions described in the publications distributed in Japan or in foreign countries mentioned below or inventions available for the public through telecommunications circuits prior to the present application.

NOTES

(refer to the list of the references cited and so on with regard to the references cited)

- With regard to the ground (A),

[Claim 1]

There is a description of "forming a section group by reading a relevant information" in claim 1, however, it is unclear what "a section group" indicates or what kind of particular computer processing "forms" the section group from the relevant information.

[Claim 2]

There is a description of "embedding a level expressing a depth of a hierarchy from a main document" in claim 2, however, it is unclear what kind of process the term "embedding" here particularly indicates.

[Claim 4]

- There is a description of "forming a section corresponding to said index" in claim 4, however, it is unclear what "a section" indicates or what kind of particular computer processing "forms" the section from the index.

- There is a description of "embedding in a section" in claim 4, however, it is unclear what kind of process the term "embedding" here particularly indicates.

[Claim 5]

There is a description of "forming a section by extracting an expansion status of said message from said expansion condition memory part " in claim 5, however, it is unclear what "a section" indicates or what kind of particular computer processing "forms" the section from the expansion status.

[Claim 7]

- There is a description of "forming a section group based on said relevant information in a virtual document" in claim 7, however, it is unclear what "a virtual document" and "a section" indicate or what kind of particular computer processing "forms" the section from the relevant information.

- There is a description of "embedding in a section" in claim 7, however, it is unclear what kind of process the term "embedding" here particularly indicates.

[Claim 10]

There is a description of "forming a section group by using said tree structure" in claim 10, however, it is unclear what kind of particular computer processing "forms" the section from the relevant information.

[Claim 12]

There is a description of "forming a section group having a tree structure in a virtual document" in claim 12, however, it is unclear what "a virtual document" and "a section" indicate or what kind of particular computer processing "forms" "a section group having a tree structure".

[Claim 14]

- There is a description of "forming a section group based on said relevant information in a virtual document" in claim 14, however, it is unclear what "a virtual document" and "a section" indicate or what kind of particular computer processing "forms" the section from the relevant information.

- There is a description of "embedding in a section" in claim 14, however, it is unclear what kind of process the term "embedding" here particularly indicates.

[Claim 16]

There is a description of "forming said section group having a tree structure in a virtual document" in claim 16, however, it is unclear what "a section" indicates or what kind of particular computer processing "forms" "a section group having a tree structure".

[Claim 18]

There is a description of "forming a section group having a tree structure in a virtual document" in claim 18, however, it is unclear what "a virtual document" and "a section" indicate or what kind of particular computer processing "forms" "a section group having a tree structure".

- With regard to the ground (B),

[Claims 1-18] cited references: 1 and 2

In the cited reference 1, a system, that is, a list of a stored

posting report group (corresponding to "the group of the documents transferred through the network" and "the message composing the thread" of this application) is described, wherein a title of the posting (an index of document) is displayed with an indented format so that a hierarchy from a main posting (a main document) is recognized.

In the meantime, in the cited reference 2, a display technique that when a displayed item is selected, a complete contents of a document corresponding to that item is disclosed.

Accordingly, it is mere a construction to be adopted by a person skilled in the art depending on its requirement to compose such an invention as to described in claims 10-18 as in this application by displaying the contents of the posting when selecting the title of the posting with applying the display technique described in the cited reference 2 in the invention described in the cited reference 1.

[List of cited references etc.]

1. "Messaging Tool Activated in Web, Web Discussion Board and Web Chatting", by Kazutomo Taninaka, in August 18, 1999, Software Design, Japan, Kabushiki Kaisha gijutu-hyoronsha, Issue No. 106, pp.44-51

2. Patent Application Laid-Open No. 1998-320390